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Chinese Premier Li Peng yesterday said China agreed "in principle" to join the nuclear non-proliferation treaty (NPT), according to press reports. He made the announcement during talks with visiting Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu.

Comment: Li's statement goes beyond his early July declaration that China was "considering" joining the NPT.

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